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Puvathur chira) should also be prevented, as several applications were being made now.

Dewan's reply.—I would advise the Member to meet me and show me the place when I next visit the taluk. The request is noted.

102. Improvement of the Parayankari branch of the Mavelikara river.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) represented that about 2,600 acres of land were rendered unproductive owing to the silting up of the Parayankari branch of the Mavelikara river, which flowed through the middle of the lands. The owners of the lands were unable to pay the old assessment, but at the recent settlement, this circumstance was not considered and the lands were assessed at the ayacut rate. Their complaints to Government for a reduction of the assessment were of no avail, but the Government in their Order No. 92/R, dated 19th November 1906, promised to take steps to improve the condition of the canal. Though the Division Peishkar had recommended the scheme, the matter was subsequently dropped by Government on the strength of a report from the Chief Engineer that the restoration of ten miles of a large river was a hopeless undertaking. The Member represented that, if a proper inspection had been made, such an opinion would not have been formed, as all that was necessary was a cutting of the river for a length of only 1 mile and 3 furlongs and a breadth of 20 feet. The total cost would not exceed Rs. 5,000 and this expenditure ought not to be grudged in consideration of the revenue of about Rs. 18,000 fetched by the lands. The Member observed that an inspection of the locality or an investigation through the Peishkar would prove the truth of his statement and he requested therefore that the work might be ordered to be taken in hand. If the request could not be granted, he prayed for a reduction of the assessment on the lands in question and he presented a memorial on the subject.

Dewan's reply.—When I visit Mavelikara next, I shall inspect the place. The Member would do well to meet me there and explain matters.

CHENGANNUR TALUK.

103. Conversion of the six feet trace from Omallore to Periarom into a cart road.

Mr. Geeverghese Catanar Geeverghese (Member, Chengannur Taluk) said that the trace from Omallore to Periarom was five miles long and that Government were making allotments every year for its maintenance. Since it was not converted into a cart road, the owners of the lands on either side now experienced great inconvenience.

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Several petitions praying for the improvement of the trace were submitted to Government and to the Public Works department but nothing had been done. He added that the work of improving the trace might be left to the inhabitants of the locality and he requested that at least the culverts on the trace might be built at Government cost.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

104. Construction of roads

Mr. J. Carson Parker (Member, South Travancore Planters' Association) requested that the following roads might be constructed:—

(1) The present path from Pathanapuram to Avaneeswaram should be converted into a cart road.

(2) The Punalur-Koni and Ranni road should be cut through to Kanjirapalli. The Member said that, if the proposed road were cut, it would not merely be a Planters' road but the road would serve the whole country around. The Mundakayam and the surrounding districts would then be brought into communication with the railway.

Dewan's reply.—As I have already said, the first road is under investigation. The request for the other road is noted.

THIRUVALLA TALUK.**105. Provision of roads and bridges.**

Mr. V. S. Krishna Pillai (Member, Thiruvalla Taluk) requested that the following public works might be ordered to be carried out:—

(1) conversion of the road from Thiruvalla to Mavelikara into a cart road;

(2) opening of a village road from Kaviyur to Kallupara;

(3) restoration of the village lanes in the taluk; and

(4) provision of bridges at the ferries on the Thiruvalla-Mavelikara road.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

AMBALAPUZHA TALUK.**106. Canals, roads and bridges.**

Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Ambalapuzha Taluk) said that the following public works were necessary for the benefit of the taluk:—

(1) The canal from Porakad to Alleppey should be improved. He pointed out that there were two canals from Porakad to Alleppey and that the one whose improvement was asked for was the ~~one~~ which passed through